

Class 2

The Bliss Charity School



Term 4



Dear parent/ carers,

I hope that you have all had a lovely half term break. This class newsletter contains lots of information about our new topic 'Amazing Animals' and the fun opportunities that your child will have during Term 4.

Mrs. Anderson



Term 4 Topic: *Amazing Animals*



Our new theme for this term is a science-based topic called 'Amazing Animals'. After a week studying 'Flotsam' for World Book Week, our topic will begin with a pet day where selected animals will be brought into the classroom for the children to learn about their features and needs for survival. We are lucky enough to have a cat, a dog, two guinea pigs, two giant African snails and a pony!

Following on from this wow day, the class will focus on classifying animals into different groups according to their features. The children will look at a range of food chains and the diet of various animals. They will also discover the lifecycle of some animals and how they are adapted to survive in their natural environment.

During art lessons, the class will have the opportunity to create clay sculptures and observational drawings of animals. The children will also be visiting the playing fields and creating their own maps to record signs of wildlife, as well as having the opportunity to design and create a bug hotel.

In literacy, the children will begin by studying the features of non-chronological reports. Class 2's literacy lessons will then focus on the book 'The Woolly Mammoth' where the children will be identifying the features of a set of instructions. This knowledge will then lead to the pupils creating their own set of instructions independently. This term, the children will also have the opportunity to create a diary entry in the role of an animal researcher and to write their own exciting animal stories based around the book 'The Perfect Pet'. Dedicated SPAG lessons will also focus on the use of commas, apostrophes and spellings which include suffixes.

Other subjects ...

During our numeracy lessons, the children will continue to strengthen their understanding of the four operations and recap written methods. In addition to number work, the class will also recap telling the time to 5 minute intervals, finding fractions of numbers and shapes and continue to develop a strategic approach to solve number and word problems.

In our RE lessons this term, the children will continue to learn about the Qur'an and its impact on the lives of Muslim people.

In music, the children will be covering the unit 'Friendship Song'; in computing, the class will be studying the unit 'We are Researchers'.

In PE, children will continue to do gymnastics for our indoor session. We will be working on the social element of 'Real Gym' and 'Real PE' which includes giving encouragement and praise to others and working collaboratively through taking turns and sharing. As the weather continues to improve, Class 2 will continue to visit the outdoor classroom on a Friday morning when possible.

Helping your child at home ...

As always, the children will be given a new set of individual spellings and *My Maths* homework every Friday. They will also be tested on their current times tables using an App on the iPads.

In addition to this homework, it is also vital that your child reads as much as possible at home – ideally five times a week.

When reading with your child, it is important for them to read at a quick and steady pace, as well as answering simple comprehension questions to ensure they have understood what they are reading.

Class 2 information ...

There will be lots of opportunities for outdoor learning again this term, so please make sure that your child has adequate footwear in school.

Can you please ensure that PE kits remain in school during term time. As the weather gets warmer over the next few months, we will take the opportunity to do extra or longer PE sessions at the playing fields.

As always, if you have any queries about your child's education, please contact me via email and I will respond as soon as possible. Please note that I do not pick up emails during school hours. If it is urgent or a message about illness or medicines, then please contact the school office.

Mrs. Anderson